

# THE LEMON GROVE REVIEW

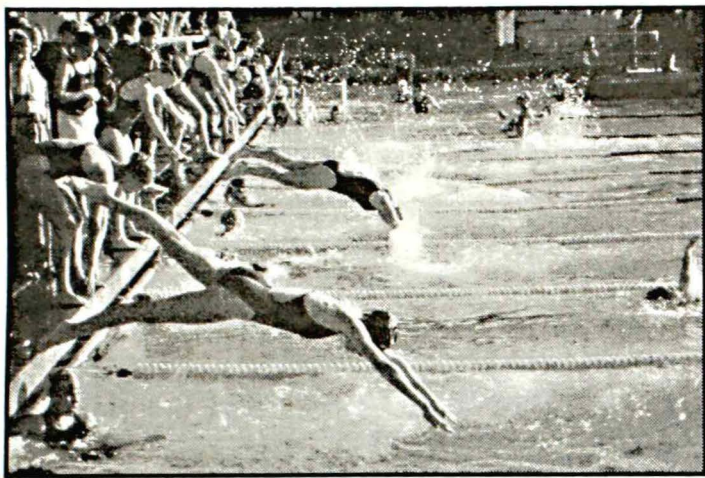


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## Valhalla shows the way during Grossmont district relays



Chilly weather didn't keep East County high school girls out of the pool when the competition is friendly. Everyone got in on the fun, since no one could swim in more than two of the 22 events. Photo by Mistie Shaw

by Mistie Shaw

Almost 300 beautiful girls in bathing suits frolicked at a local pool one cold day last week, but it had nothing to do with a magazine's swimsuit issue, or a beauty pageant or a talent contest ... unless you consider swimming fast a talent. The girls' events for the Grossmont High School District swimming relays were held at El Capitan on March 30. The boys swam the next day.

This is the only competition that pits swimmers - varsity, JV and freshman/sophomore - against their peers from both Grossmont

leagues. This year, the teams from Granite Hills and Helix did not participate.

In varsity, the Valhalla team took first, beating West Hills by just four points, 160-156. Santana was a distant third with 126.

Valhalla's Junior Varsity girls scored 102; Grossmont and Monte Vista tied for second place with 88 points each.

The freshmen/sophomores of El Capitan were rewarded for their fine efforts with 140 points. Their nearest competition was Valhalla with 92.

El Cap's swim coach, Robin Sanchez hosted the two-day event. "I've been doing it since I got here, 13 years ago and it was started before that."

One reason the competition is so lively is the format is different from regular league meets. For the wild card race, each member of the relay team has to be prepared to swim the backstroke, the breast stroke, butterfly and freestyle. The girls are not told which stroke they must use until they are on the starting block but each team swims all four strokes.

Another reason for the excitement is that first, second and third place swimmers for each race are awarded ribbons.

A healthy rivalry between schools is expected and perhaps even encouraged. The league relays give everyone a chance to see old friends and check out the competition.

## East County players awed by game against Yankees

by Greg Eichelberger

Although there are only three East County players on the San Diego State Aztecs current baseball roster, Brandon Rogers (Grossmont High), Matt Seiler (Granite Hills) and Kalin Foulds (Monte Vista), each had a role in the March 30 exhibition contest against the New York Yankees.

That's right, the same Bronx Bombers who, just 18 months ago, were sitting atop the profession with the World Series crown perched firmly upon their brows.

The game, made a reality by the efforts of SDSU Athletic Director Rick Bay, who once presided over the Yanks, brought the New Yorkers, fresh from two rainouts at Qualcomm, to the lush turf and cloudy, but precipitation-free skies of Montezuma Mesa, before a crowd over 3,000 (by far the largest ever to view an Aztec scrimmage on campus).

A few more had attended State's March 27 4-2 loss to the Padres at the Q, but they play the crosstown team every season. This was, after all, the Yankees, and it was being waged right at SDSU's Tony Gwynn Stadium.

Such an event had never occurred at

this venue before. Even though the Yanks would eventually win the game, 12-3, the local players joined their wide-eyed teammates as Joe Torre's charges took the field for an awesome display of batting practice, which not only thrilled the young 'tecs, but also the entire assembled multitude.

After the pyrotechnics had ended, and they summoned up the courage, the Jim Dietz-coached squad, almost en masse, girded their collective loins and began asking their heroes for autographs, poses for photos and even an occasional baseball tip now and then.

The Empire State boys, including the oft-criticized Darryl Strawberry, were only too happy to oblige their admirers.

Rogers, who will be this year's starting catcher after a year at UCLA, said, before the game, "This is like a dream come true.

"I'm like a little kid in a toy store. It's a goal for every ballplayer to compete at the Major League level, but this is more than I ever hoped for."

But, soon, the stars vanished from the young players' eyes and it was time for the business at hand.

Even though this was a simple exhibition affair, once the field was taken, the competitive juices began to flow like Pablov's pooch.

Starting SDSU hurler, southpaw Joe Garibaldi, nervous as one would expect, issued a couple of walks and a hit in the first (even though he had a two-strike count on every batter) as N.Y. pushed through with a run to draw first blood.

He did, however, manage to fulfill the wish of every college tosser by King both Strawberry and Bernie Williams in that frame.

In the third,

though, the Straw Man reciprocated in kind, launching a rocket over the center field wall with a man aboard for a quick, 3-0, lead.

Meanwhile, the most hated man among San Diego baseball fans, the fleshy, big-mouthed Japanese fireballer, Hideki Irabu, was blowing the over-matched Aztecs away left and right.

The chorus of boos that rang down upon him didn't seem to faze him as he recorded seven strikeouts in just three innings.

The Far Easterner, though, was touched for a run on back-to-back doubles in the third and was replaced by righthander Ramiro Mendoza in the fourth.

On his first pitch to Adrian Mora in that inning, the former Chula Vista high star caught one in his wheelhouse and sent it high over the right field fence.

Pumping his fist in the air as he circled the bases, the junior shortstop was on cloud nine, propelled by the euphoria of cranking a home run off a big leaguer pitcher.

The local players finally made their appearance when Seiler tossed two innings, giving up three hits and two runs. The lanky junior saw limited action last year after redshirting with SDSU and will most likely be used primarily in middle relief.

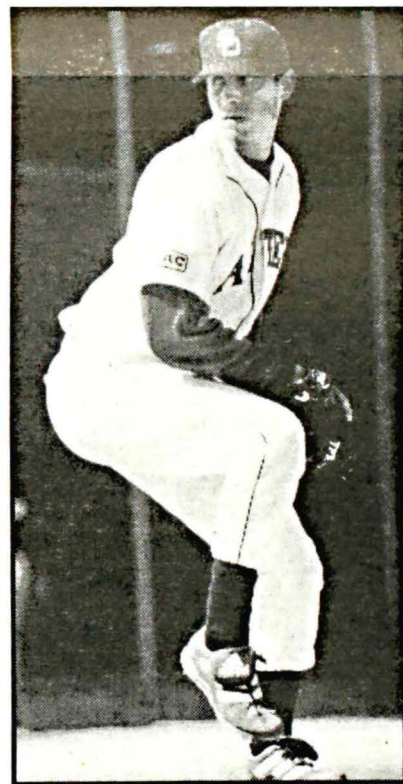
In the fifth, senior Foulds was sent in to pinch run and promptly stole second and third (stunning both the crowd and the Yankees). He subsequently scored his team's second run.

"Just to play against a team like this was an honor," he said, two days after making two fine plays at second against the Padres. "I wasn't nervous, but I sure had a lot of fun out there."

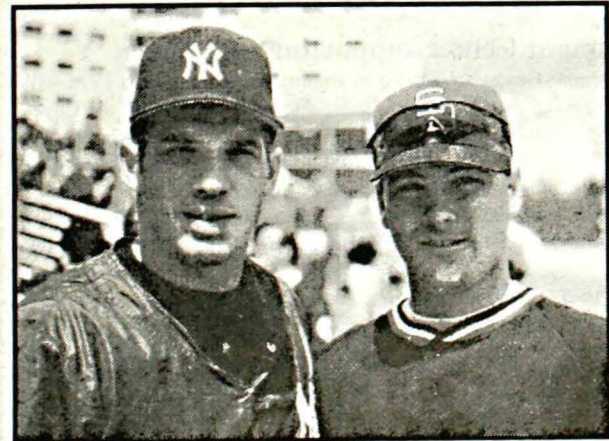
Rogers, who came to pinch hit in the fifth (he singled), stayed and caught until the eighth.

The game only lasted that many innings because the Yankees, who opened in Anaheim two days later, ran out of pitchers.

The sting of the loss was nullified, a bit, though, as NY stars such as Paul



Matt Seiler gets in his throws against the New York Yankees at Tony Gwynn Stadium last week. Photo by Greg Eichelberger



Aztecs Brandon Rogers, a graduate of Grossmont High, poses with New York Yankees Joe Girardi at exhibition game last week. Photo by Greg Eichelberger

O'Neill, Derek Jeter, Chuck Knoblock, David Cone, David Wells (of Point Loma High), Bernie Williams and Strawberry came over to the Aztec dugout and watched the latter portions of the exhibition.

All in all, this was a day that many will not forget, especially the SDSU team who were able not only to play on the same field with a professional baseball organization, but, for awhile at least, play at their level.

"It was a great experience," said Dietz, speaking for his entire crew.

"It took me back to see such young, eager faces, too," said Tim Raines, beginning his 18th season of major League ball.



## Community Notes

### Women's club luncheon to be 'for the birds'

The Grossmont Christian Women's Club will gather for their luncheon meeting "It's for the Birds," from 11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. on Thursday at the La Mesa Women's Club, 5220 Wilson St. in La Mesa. The cost is \$9.50.

Presentations at the luncheon will be given by Maureen Austin, executive director of C.H.I.R.P. Garden Wildlife and Bonnie Smith. Austin's topic will be "Hummingbirds and Butterflies" and Smith's will be "The Sky's the Limit." Special music will be provided by Melissa Wilson.

Luncheon and free child care reservations may be made by calling Norie at 562-6118 or Gerry at 449-6350.

### Final Showmaster Slide Show is about Indonesia

"Indonesia-Singapore and the Spice Islands" will be featured in the Showmasters color slide presentation tomorrow at 7:30 p.m., at Ben Polak Fine Arts Center (Lamplighter Theater), 8053 University Ave., La Mesa. This will be the last show of the season, which runs from November through April.

Photographers Brown and Jeannette Palmer will take their audience by sea from Singapore to the Islands of Samatura, Java and Bali, making stops at Malaysia and South Thailand.

They sample the varied cultures of the Indonesians from former head hunters to the gentle people of Bali. Admission is free. For program information, call 422-3995.

Showmasters is a non-profit camera club which assists amateur photographers in preparing their travel color slides for presentation before clubs, senior centers, schools, church groups and other organizations.

It meets in the Photo Arts Building, Balboa Park, on the second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome. For meeting or membership information, all 279-9726.

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## Lemon Grove Sheriff's Log

March 13-16, 1998

1700 blk. Madera St. Commercial burglary. \$2,050 value.

March 16, 1998

7100 blk. Broadway. Petty theft. \$70 value.

7400 blk. Broadway. Strong-armed robbery. \$200 value.

3200 blk. Main St. Commercial burglary. Value unknown.

March 16-17, 1998

7900 blk. Golden Ave. Petty theft. \$100 value.

March 17, 1998

8400 blk. Blossom Ln. Auto theft. \$500 value.

6800 blk. Central Ave. Residential burglary. \$102 value.

March 18, 1998

2600 blk. Sweetwater Rd. Auto theft. Value unknown.

7800 blk. Broadway. Strong-armed robbery. \$50 value.

2900 blk. Corona St. Auto theft. \$3,500 value.

8500 blk. Calle Sur. Residential burglary. \$1,075 value.

March 19, 1998

7500 blk. Broadway. Petty theft. \$140 value.

7400 blk. Broadway. Strong-armed robbery. \$8 value.

1900 blk. Fairhaven St. Auto theft. Value unknown.

7600 blk. Pacific Ave. Auto theft. Value unknown.

7600 blk. Pacific Ave. Grand theft. \$700 value.

March 20-March 24, 1998

8300 blk. Broadway. Residential burglary. \$500 value.

March 21, 1998

6900 blk. Federal Blvd. Auto theft. Value unknown.

6900 blk. Federal Blvd. Auto theft. Value unknown.

8100 blk. Lemon Grove Way. Vehicle burglary. \$648 value.

7100 blk. Broadway. Strong-armed robbery. \$329 value.

March 22, 1998

7700 blk. Alton Dr. Residential burglary. \$3,200 value.

March 22-28, 1998

1900 blk. El Prado. Vehicle burglary. \$510 value.

March 23, 1998

2500 blk. Mulder St. Auto theft. Value unknown.

## Lemon Grove Fire Log

March 21, 1998

7000 blk. Lemonwood Ln. Threatening suicide.

WB Hwy 94/Massachusetts Ave. Vehicle accident freeway.

7200 blk. North Ave. Residential structure fire.

8000 blk. Broadway Ave. Assault victim.

8000 blk. Broadway Ave. Evaluate for the Sheriff.

March 22, 1998

7600 blk. Broadway Ave. Evaluate for the Sheriff.

3400 blk. Main St. Possible heart.

8100 blk. Mt. Vernon St. Abdominal pains.

7000 blk. Lemonwood Ln. Fall.

Main St./Broadway Ave. Person down.

1700 blk. Englewood Dr. Odor of natural gas residential.

7000 blk. Mt. Vernon St. Difficulty breathing.

Broadway Ave./Lemon Grove Ave. Vehicle accident.

March 23, 1998

6900 blk. San Miguel Ave. Knocked off hydrant.

8200 blk. Lincoln St. Difficulty breathing.

7500 blk. Madison Ave. Fall.

7300 blk. Carmenita Rd. Medic alert alarm.

3800 blk. Harris St. Fall.

EB Hwy 94/College Ave. Vehicle fire freeway.

1800 blk. Sonoma Ln. Auto vs. pedestrian.

8100 blk. Mt. Vernon St. Auto vs. pedestrian.

4100 blk. Blackton Dr. Residential structure fire.

7800 blk. Palm St. Chest pains.

## Upcoming Events

### Bookstores part of Polinsky Center book drive

Barnes & Noble and Bookstar bookstores in La Mesa will participate in the annual book drive to replenish the library at the A.B. and Jessie Polinsky Children's Center. The drive kicks off on Saturday and will run through April 30. Barnes & Noble is located at Grossmont Center, 5500 Grossmont Center Dr., Ste. 223 and Bookstar is located at 8501 Fletcher Parkway.

The stores will donate 5 percent of the sale of books purchased for the Polinsky Children's Center to the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation. All books purchased for the the Polinsky Center throughout the month will be reduced by 10 percent.

The Polinsky Children's Center is the county's emergency shelter for abused, abandoned and neglected children. For further information call the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation at 278-4400, ext. 16.

### Grossmont Center supporting Cuyamaca 'Y'

Grossmont Center's Girl Power community program for 1998 will focus on raising money to help the girls' gymnastics team at the Cuyamaca YMCA buy new gym equipment. Approximately 1,000 East County girls use the facilities at Cuyamaca to take gymnastics classes and practice for competition. 125 girls, ages 7 to 20, participate on the competitive team, which won the YMCA national championships in 1996.

Grossmont Center is inviting its shoppers to join in with Girl Power and help support YMCA gymnastics. Customers can bring their receipts to the Information Booth and credit their purchases toward a Grossmont Center donation to the program.

A goal of \$100,000 in purchases has been set. If that goal is reached, the YMCA will receive a \$4,000 donation which will be used to buy new equipment for the Cuyamaca facility. The program will run through June 15.

The community is invited to attend a gymnastics demonstration at noon April 18. The performance will take place in Macy's Court. Information is available at 466-5306.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

#### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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title, and interest conveyed to and now

held by it under said Deed of Trust, in

the property situated in said County

and State and as more fully described

in the above referenced Deed of Trust.

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the obligation secured by the property

to be sold plus reasonable estimated

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opening bid may be less than the total

indebtedness due. In addition to cash,

the Trustee will accept cashier's

checks drawn on a state or national

bank, a check drawn by a state or

federal credit union, or a check drawn

by a state or federal savings and loan

association, savings association, or

savings bank specified in Section 5102

of the Financial Code and authorized to

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or encumbrances, to satisfy the

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interest as provided, and the unpaid

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called to the requirements of wage



# Sports Beat

with Greg Eichelberger



Hello again, especially to the skeptic inside you who believes that all athletes are spoiled, overpaid crybabies without an ounce of decency or an inch of soul. I used to think that, too, at least until the Yankees played the Aztecs (see story on Page 1) on March 30. And for those used to seeing a rant or criticism at this point of the column, I'm sorry to disappoint.

But, to see these SDSU players, most of which will never play baseball on a professional level, fawning over such luminaries as Chuck Knoblauch, Paul O'Neil, Derek Jeter and Darryl Strawberry, among others, was like watching a group of Little leaguers viewing a Major League game for the first time.

Each carried either a still or video camera (or both), and shot their idols with reckless abandon. It was great. The New Yorkers seemed to enjoy it as much as the collegiates, even venturing into the Aztec dugout during the late stages of the contest.

A few days earlier, before engaging in a six-inning rained out scrimmage against the Padres, O'Neil brought children down on the field, gave them each an autographed baseball and had their pictures taken with him and other Bombers, before returning them to their grateful parents.

Then, we have former El Capitan star **Brett Caradonna**, a number one pick for the Chicago White Sox in last year's draft, who came back to visit his old prep coach Steve Vickery and presented him with a check for \$3,500. "I plan to use it to buy something specific for our baseball program," beamed the proud skipper.

Often, I have little good to say about sports stars who believe themselves above the law, abuse themselves through drug use or are certifiably psychotic, but, once in a great while, a few come along, who, like the Yankees, recently, break the mold and give us all hope.

While on that subject, here are some local prep scholar/athletes that give us hope for the future of the nation (well, East County, at least). As named by the *Union-Tribune* All-Academic team, the first team includes (boys basketball) **Brandon Fowler** (Valhalla) and **Jon Whitmore** (Christian); (girls basketball) **Janet Franey** - team captain (Helix), **Lindsay Neun** (Valhalla), **Kendra Rhea** (El Capitan), **Jill Sonne** (West Hills) and **Kathy Tran** (Santana); (boys soccer) **Ryan Chavez** (Santana), **Dylan Mora** (El Cajon Valley), **Mike Morgan** (Christian) and **Jacob Ward** (Valhalla); (girls soccer) **Sheona Becker** (Monte Vista), **Shawni Flint** (El Capitan) and **Christy Ortiz** (Helix); (wrestling) **Paul Acosta** (Valhalla), **Aaron Denaro** (Monte Vista), **Jesse Houston** (Granite Hills), **Mary Jensen** (El Cajon Valley), **Noah Newbegin** (El Capitan), **Jeff Strick** (West Hills) and **Robert Tabinga** - team captain (Mount Miguel); (girls water polo) **Stacy El-Hajj** (Valhalla). Good job all.

A special congratulations to the Monte Vista High roller hockey club team for winning its second consecutive county championship with a 7-2 victory over La Costa Canyon Friday evening.

After being shocked in the first game of the first round of the WCHL playoffs, 5-2, against Bakersfield Wednesday, the Gulls came back two days later to hand the Fog a 5-1 setback, knotting the series at a game apiece. By the time you read this, it may be over, or, if it goes five games, will end tonight at the Sports Arena.

Those who just can't get enough of hockey can take advantage of Gulls stars Martin and Stephane St. Amour and Mark Stitt, who will be putting on a roller hockey camp at the Chula Vista Roller Skate Land in July. There will also be an event later in Santee, but I'll fill you in on that when I get more information. To obtain some early details, just call 225-9813 ext. 371.

Even though the pro baseball season is barely a week old, the Padres have already won three games (again, at the time of this writing), scoring double digits in all of them. Is this the kind of offense we can expect? I don't know why not. With Gwynn, Finley, Joyner, Sweeney, Caminiti, Vaughn (hopefully) and others, fans could be in for a sweet year, and, of course, Forum Publications will be there to let you know about it every step of the way, especially when it pertains to our little corner of the world.

Hope to see you at a game or two. If not, you can always call me at 390-7103 (or E-mail ikeforum@juno.com) to tell me the good, the bad or the ugly in the world or recreation and leisure. Until then, though, have a great sports week.

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## English pro who coached at Valhalla notes soccer's improvement, woes

by Joe Naiman

Former high level English professional soccer player Keith Bannister spent 3 1/2 years as the Valhalla High School junior varsity soccer coach before returning to England.

After retiring Bannister came to America to live with one of his daughters, Lynne Saward, and her family. While here, he had frequent contact with his grandson, Valhalla midfielder Ian Saward.

When Valhalla varsity soccer coach George Logan heard that Bannister was coming to El Cajon, the Scottish-born Logan asked if Bannister would take the junior varsity team.

"Once again I was fortunate by having a good squad," said Bannister. "Apart from one season we won everything."

In 1991, Ian Saward was named the CIF player of the year, and after his high school was completed, Ian went on to play at Dartmouth University.

Recently, Bannister returned to El Cajon for two months during the high school soccer season.

"From what I've seen here, since I left, I feel the nature of the game has advanced a lot amongst juniors," said Bannister, who noted that more youth are now playing the game than any other sport in the county.

He thought that the game here has improved, that the standard (of Valhalla) was considerably above that of the last time he was in El Cajon.

Since Valhalla is no longer dominating the CIF championship matches as they were when he was the JV coach, it means the opposition has also improved and top talent has spread throughout the county. "That's how it ought to be," said Bannister.

The former Sheffield Wednesday captain, who also scouted and coached in that club's organization, received a few complaints from parents who disagreed with the coach's beliefs about substitutions.

He cites leadership difficulties as one of American soccer's biggest obstacles.

"There seems to be a lot of politics in the game at present, and of the people who are sort of swinging the bat (in charge) - I would say eight out of 10, don't know what they're talking about," he said.

He also expressed concern that the San Diego Flash (new Div. 2 pro soccer team) hasn't been as aggressive in pursuing

local high school talent as professional English soccer teams are in securing top youths to play for the local club.

Bannister sees slow acceptance of soccer as one of America's major sports. "Soccer, to me, seems to be finding its way to a better outlook, but I still think it's going to be a long time before you get the American people looking forward to a soccer match," he said.

The recent trip to the U.S. was Bannister's first return to the United States since coaching the Valhalla squad.

He was asked if he would coach. "They seem to forget that I'm 75 now, not 25. It makes a difference. Old age catches up on you."

He isn't sure whether he's fit enough to be a good coach. "I firmly believe if I coach, I've got to be active," he stated.

Bannister, who is now 75, was born in Sheffield, and until about the mid-1980s playing for one's hometown club made British soccer players content.

The city had two soccer teams: the blue-and-white striped Sheffield Wednesday and the red-and-white striped Sheffield United. "There's always been this camaraderie among the players, but when you play each other you were deadly serious," he noted.

He was signed as a full-time professional in 1948, putting him on Sheffield Wednesday's reserve team, until 1950 when he was given a place with the first team.

In 1952, the fullback was named captain of Sheffield Wednesday. "Fortunately for me, we won the championship that year." Bannister's wages in 1952 were 14 pounds a week, or about \$22.



Keith Bannister

Players also earned two pounds for a win and one pound for a draw. In those days an Englishman earning 1,000 pounds a year was one of the top money earners, so the soccer players lived relatively well.

He was the captain of Sheffield Wednesday for 3 1/2 years before relinquishing that position.

After eight years on team, he was transferred to Kings Lynn, where he played for six years before retiring in his early 40s.

He was then asked to coach in the Hatched League, where players who drew the attention of Sheffield Wednesday scouts were tried out. He coached there for two years before he began scouting for the top club, then became the club's analyst of the team's next opponent, which he did for three years.

Bannister spent six years as manager of the club's Sports Complex which was open to the public and had facilities for five-a-side soccer, indoor tennis, badminton and workouts before retiring.

## East County High Schools Sports Schedules

(as available)

Tuesday, April 7 - Tuesday, April 14

(check with schools for times)

Tuesday (4/7) - BASEBALL: Lions Tournament (through 4/9). Santana/El Capitan JV Tournament (through 4/9). SOFTBALL: Longhorn Tournament at Rancho Buena Vista (through 4/10).

(Monday (4/6) - Friday (4/17): Spring Break - most sports.)

## East County

Community College schedule (as available)

Tuesday, April 7 - Tuesday, April 14

(Note: When Grossmont College Men's and Women's tennis teams play same school, one at home, the other away - at home only listed.)

Tuesday (4/7) - BASEBALL: Grossmont College at Barstow College.

Tuesday (4/14) - BASEBALL: Grossmont College vs. San Diego City College.

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